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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Case No. MBHB00-618-A)

In the Application of:

Italo O. Biaggioni et al. )  
Serial No.: 09/648,775 ) Art Unit: 1624  
Filed: August 28, 2000 ) Examiner: M. Berch  
Title: Selective Antagonists of A2B Adenosine )  
Receptors )

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**REPLY TO THE SEPTEMBER 24, 2001 OFFICIAL ACTION**

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action dated September 24, 2001, please amend the above-identified U.S. Patent Application as follows:

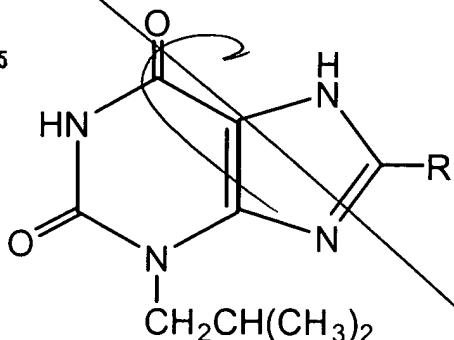
**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Cancel claims 1-3, 11, and 20-21 from the application without prejudice.

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4. (Once amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of claim 23 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

5. (Once amended) A method of antagonizing A<sub>2B</sub> receptors comprising administering to a mammal in need thereof an effective amount of a compound of the following formula:

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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

In regard to the above identified application:

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached:
  - a. Petition for Three Month Extension of Time
  - a. Reply to September 24, 2001 Official Action with Appendix and Declaration of Dr. Jack N. Wells
2. With respect to additional fees:
  - a. Attached is a check in the amount of \$648.00 (\$188 to file additional claims and \$460 for Three Month Extension of Time)
3. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No.13-2490. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
4. CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR § 1.8: The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and the paper, as described in paragraph 1 hereinabove, are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Asst. Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on this 12th day of March 2002.

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